

Saint Vincent de Paul Primary School

22nd September 2021



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22nd September 2022

Dear Parents/ Guardians

May I introduce you to our first school Newsletter of the year. Keeping in contact with our families is very important to us. We will be using our usual ways to communicate with our families through the Newsletter, SEESAW, School Website and the School FACEBOOK page. This year there are important new Acts in Education that are coming into legislation from September 2021. These are the Special Needs and Disability Act (NI) 2016 and Addressing Bullying in Schools Act (NI) 2016. We have put important information in this Newsletter and the School Website relating to these Acts. Please take the time to read the information carefully.

Special Needs and Disability Act (NI)

EA SEN Code of Practice Leaflet

Guidance for Parents and Carers on moving from Five to Three Stages of the SENs Code of Practice

Addressing Bullying in Schools Act (NI) 2016

NI Anti Bullying Forum

Addressing Bullying in Schools Act Information for Parents and Carers

It is important that we listen to everyone's voice in relation to the Addressing Bullying Act-We will be asking for input from everyone in our school community including our BOGs, staff, pupils and parents. Over the next few weeks, we will be consulting with you on our draft Anti Bullying Policy by asking you to complete a short questionnaire.

Covid 19 Updates on the School Website

Updated Covid 19 Parent Information

Parent Flowchart of close contacts of a Covid 19 case in a school setting

Any concerns or queries please contact the school. I thank you for your patience and co-operation.

Yours Sincerely



Bronagh McVeigh

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20/09/21: IMPORTANT COVID UPDATE



Dear Parents,

We hope that you are all keeping well and that your children have settled back into the school year.

We know over the last week much has changed in that, PHA are now 'managing "the tracking and tracing" of close contacts. The managing of 'track and trace' is now out of school control.

In order to **REDUCE** the spread of the virus to staff and to other pupils, we are asking you to be sensible in your approach over the next few months.

If your child feels unwell, do not send them to school

If your child or anyone in your household is showing symptoms of coronavirus, book a PCR test and isolate as you wait for results

If someone in your household has tested positive, consider keeping your child at home and we will provide you with a work pack

Continue to encourage your children to have good hygiene measures at home by regularly washing hands, coughing into their elbow and using a tissue

In school, our staff team to do the best for the children in our care. Thank you for your support in reducing the pressure that Covid is placing on our school community. If you have any queries, please get in touch.

Yours sincerely

Bronagh McVeigh

The PHA definition of a close contact is as now as follows:

Within a school setting, your child would only be identified as a contact if they have had prolonged close contact with the case (someone who tests positive for COVID-19). This could mean a child in the same household or someone who has stayed overnight. It will also include intimate contact for example, kissing and where a child has received help with personal care in a school. It does not include all children in the same class or all those who sit next to each other, because the risk of COVID spreading in the school setting is much lower than in a household.

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Addressing Bullying in Schools Act

The welfare of all our children is very important. We will be reviewing all our school policies and procedures to ensure they comply with the latest legislation. Click on the links below to find out more about Addressing



NIABF Website



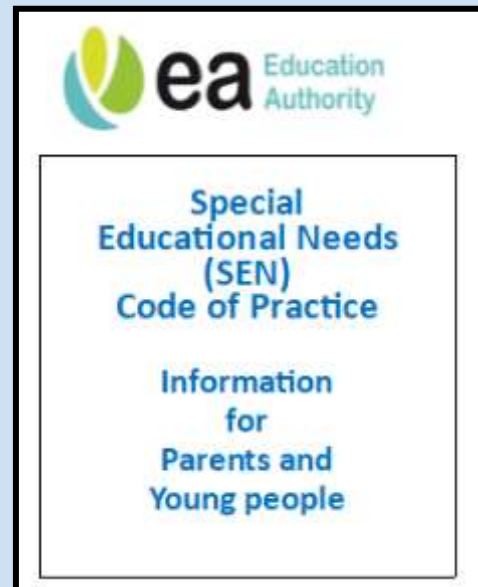
Parent / Carer ToolKit

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Changes to SEN Legislation





All schools follow the Special Educational Needs Code of Practice when identifying and supporting children who have additional learning needs. In response to new legislation, the Department of Education has introduced a new Code. The additional support we offer in school will not change, but some of the terms and learning categories we use will change. Further information can be found on the links below or by contacting the school.



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School Holidays

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
<p>New term begins Monday 30th August 2021</p> <p>Monday 30th /Tues 31st August <i>(School Finishes at 12.00 No school dinners)</i> Wednesday 1st September <i>(Full day)</i></p> <p>Halloween 25th October - 29th October</p> <p><i>School reopens on</i> Monday 1st November</p> <p>Last day of term is Wednesday 22nd December <i>(School Finishes at 12.00 No school dinners)</i></p>  <p>Christmas holidays 23rd December - 4th January</p> <p><i>School reopens on</i> Wednesday 5th January</p>	<p>New term begins on Wednesday 5th January 2022</p> <p>Half Term break 14th February - 18th February</p> <p><i>School Reopens on Monday</i> 21st February</p>  <p>St Patrick's Day 17th March and 18th March (2 days)</p> <p>Last day of term is Thursday 14th April <i>(School Finishes at 12.00 No school dinners)</i></p>  <p>Easter holidays 15th April - 22nd April <i>School Reopens Monday</i> 25th April</p>	<p>New term begins on Monday 25th April 2022</p> <p>May Public Holiday 2nd May (1 school day)</p> <p>May Bank Holiday 30th May - 3rd June <i>School reopens</i> Monday 6th June</p> <p>Last day of term is Thursday 30th June <i>(School Finishes at 12.00 No school dinners)</i></p> 



School Dinner Menu

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	Sausages or Parts Bake, Garlic Bread, Beans, Sweetcorn OR Salad or Mashed Potatoes Ice Cream, Mandarins and Chocolate Sauce	Homemade Chicken Goujons Dipping Sauce OR Spicy Chicken Fajita Garden peas, Mashed Potato or Salad Swiss Roll and Custard	Roast Lamb of Pork Apple sauce, Stuffing, carrots, broccoli OR Roast Potatoes and Mashed Potatoes Gravy Yoghurt and Pineapple	Chicken Curry and boiled rice, naan bread OR Cottage Pie, carrots and green beans, mashed potato and gravy Cranut cake and custard	Margherita Pizza or salmon bites, sweetcorn, crunchy coleslaw, tossed salad and chips or chilli baby bell potatoes Melon boat with yoghurt
Week 2	Spaghetti Bolognaise with cheese, sticed crusty bread OR Steak burger, salad, carrots, mashed potato Rice pudding and peaches	Chicken Curry and boiled rice, Naan bread or Italian Lasagne, crunchy coleslaw, garden peas, selection of salads, garlic bread Homemade shortbread and water melon	Fresh breaded Cod Goujons, tartar sauce OR Spicy Chicken Noodles, peas, salad and mashed potato Apple crumble and Custard	Roast chicken, herb stuffing, cauliflower cheese, carrots, parsnips, Roast and mashed potato and gravy Rice Krispie square and Custard	Breaded Chicken bites OR Spicy chicken wrap Selection of salads, salsa dip, sweetcorn, chips or baked potato Jelly and Ice Cream with fruit salad
Week 3	Savoury Mince and Onion OR Chicken Stir Fry with wholemeal pitta bread, salad, broccoli and mashed potato Chocolate and orange sponge and custard	Chicken Curry with boiled rice, Naan bread OR Chicken fillet burger, sweetcorn, tossed salad and homemade wedges Yoghurt and pineapple	Cod Fish Fingers OR Spanish meatballs with spaghetti, beans, sweetcorn, peas and mashed potato Swiss Roll and custard	Roast Lamb of Pork, stuffing, carrots, parsnips, savoy cabbage, roast potato and mashed potato Peppercorn cookie and water melon	Herbdog, sauté onions OR Bang Bang Chicken with ciabetta bread, garlic dip, peas, selection of salads, chips or baby boiled potatoes Ice Cream and fresh fruit salad
Week 4	Chicken Curry with boiled rice, naan bread OR Sausages, beans, peas, gravy and mashed potato Jam and Coconut Sponge and Custard	Irish Stew with wholemeal bread OR Chicken and Tomato Parts Bake, salad, sweetcorn and mashed potato Chocolate brownie and orange wedge	Roast chicken, herb stuffing, cauliflower cheese, carrots, parsnips, Roast and mashed potatoes and gravy Strawberry Mousse and Fresh fruit salad	Spaghetti Bolognaise with Crusty bread OR Fresh breaded Cod fillets, lemon slice, tartar sauce, peas, selection of salads, chong Flake meat Biscuit and fruit Salad	Margherita Pizza OR Salt and Chilli Chicken with boiled rice, crunchy coleslaw, salad and chips Artichoke and fruit

Breads, milk, water, fresh fruit available daily, Salad Selection, rice salad, coleslaw, sweet chilli pasta, Lettuce, cherry tomato, grated carrots, cucumber, diced red onions, radish and beetroot

[Click to Enlarge Menu](#)



[Click to download the latest High Five Magazine produced by the EA Primary Behaviour Support Team.](#)

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Start and Finish Times

Monday to Thursday

P2 START: 8.45 AM	GO TO THEIR TEACHER IN THE MAIN PLAYGROUND
P2 FINISH: 1.45 PM	CLASS TEACHER WILL WALK YOUR CHILD TO THE MAIN SCHOOL GATE
P3 START: 8.45 AM	GO TO THEIR TEACHER IN THE MAIN PLAYGROUND
P3 FINISH: 2.00 PM	CLASS TEACHER WILL WALK YOUR CHILD TO THE MAIN SCHOOL GATE
P4E-P4/5H-P6/7F START: 8.30 AM	GO STRAIGHT TO CLASSROOM THEIR VIA THEIR DESIGNATED DOOR
P4E-P4/5H-P6/7F FINISH: 2.20 PM	CLASS TEACHER WILL WALK YOUR CHILD TO THE MAIN SCHOOL GATE
P5/6G-P5/6W-P7 START: 8.30 AM	GO STRAIGHT TO THEIR CLASSROOM VIA THEIR DESIGNATED DOOR
P5/6G-P5/6W-P7 FINISH: 2.30 PM	CLASS TEACHER WILL WALK YOUR CHILD TO THE MAIN SCHOOL GATE

Friday

P1-P7: NORMAL START TIME AS ABOVE P1-P3 FINISH: 1.45 PM P4-P7 FINISH: 2.00 PM	P1 COLLECT FROM THE P1 UNIT P2-P7 CLASS TEACHER WILL WALK YOUR CHILD TO THE MAIN SCHOOL GATE
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Vision:

Everyone in our community working together to help kids talk.

Help Kids Talk is a community-wide initiative based within Lisburn.

We are passionate about raising awareness of speech, language and communication development.

[Click here for more information](#)

Speech and language delay is the most common difficulty experienced by preschool children.

This impacts their:

- communication
- education
- relationships with peers
- emotional wellbeing and,
- life chances.

Language Problem

in Foundation Stage (4-6yrs)

Literacy Problem

in Key Stage 1 (6-8yrs)

Behaviour Problem

in Key Stage 2 (8-11yrs)

As part of the Help Kids Talk project, we run **free** Basic Awareness training webinars which last approximately 1 hour.

These are available to anyone and everyone across Northern Ireland including; parents, grandparents, childminders or volunteers or staff working in an organisation that provides services for children.

In the webinar we discuss:

- > infant mental health
- > brain development
- > top tips for supporting speech, language and communication development

[Click here to find out more about how to book a Basic Awareness Training Webinar.](#)

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Good News!!!!

We are delighted to have been included in this initiative. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Nichola for all her support to our school.

From the office of the Minister for Infrastructure
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20MPH PART TIME SPEED LIMITS AT SCHOOLS

Ensuring that our children and young people are safe as they travel to and from school is a priority for me. You may be aware that, in support of Northern Ireland's Road Safety Strategy 2020, I have committed funding from this year's budget towards the introduction of part-time 20 mph speed limits at a further 106 schools across Northern Ireland. These measures will increase driver awareness and achieve reductions in vehicle speeds outside and near these schools ensuring that parents, children and staff will be safer as they go to and from the schools on a daily basis.

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Germ Defence



Help protect your home from COVID-19
ni.germdefence.org



Go to ni.germdefence.org

After around 10 minutes
answering questions online,
Germ Defence offers tailored advice
to fit your personal circumstances.
It is based on scientific evidence.

[Click here to find out more about
Germ Defence](#)

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Extended Schools Charges:

Breakfast Club: £1.50/ Twilight: £7.00/

All Other Clubs: £7.50 (this covers all sessions)

Breakfast and the Twilight Club will begin on Monday 13th of September.

Applications for Breakfast and Twilight Club will be available from Thursday 9th of September. To register please contact the School Office on 02890717920 or mhill889@c2kni.net. A Registration form will be sent home with your child.

PLEASE NOTE THAT IN JOINING THE BREAKFAST AND/OR TWILIGHT CLUBS THE CHILDREN WILL BE JOINING A NEW BUBBLE. WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO KEEP THE CHILDREN SOCIALLY DISTANCED. BUT WE MUST ADVISE THAT THERE IS A DEGREE OF RISK INVOLVED.

Information on all other clubs will follow shortly. Please note ALL clubs are subject to change in line with any review of PHA or DE guidance.

Thank you for your support and co operation.

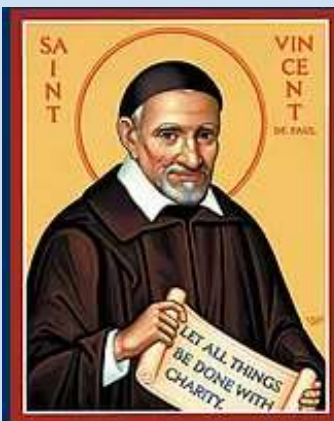
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School Communication



We will be launching a new text message service in the near future to allow us to share important information with parents quickly. This will be used in conjunction with Seesaw, Facebook and the school website.



Saint Vincent de Paul
Ligoniel

Click on the link below to connect to the parish website.

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School News



Friday, 3rd September 2021

Congratulations to Ms. McFarlane who captained the Antrim Ladies team in the All Ireland GAA Final.



Thursday, 2nd September 2021

Minister for Infrastructure, Nicola Mallon, visited Saint Vincent de Paul Primary School today to announce traffic calming measures on the Ligoniel Road. She was welcomed by the school principal, Mrs. McVeigh and senior pupils Catherine Smith and Nicola Fularczyk.

Class News Nursery Ms Donnelly



Class News Nursery Ms Donnelly



Class News P1G Ms. Glover



What a great start to our P1 year



We love outdoor play

Class News P1G Ms. Glover



P1 is so much fun!



Dinners
begin
27th Sept

Healthy eating
policy for packed
lunches

- One treat
- No nuts
- No fizzy drinks

Class News P1 Ms. O'Rawe



Starting
P1 has
been lots
of fun



Class News P1 Ms. O'Rawe



Class News P2 Mrs. McLaughlin



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Class News P2 Ms. Jamieson



Class News P2 Ms. Jamieson

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Class News P3 Mrs. McGrogan



Class News P3 Mrs. McGrogan



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Class News P3 Mrs. Lally



Class News P3 Mrs. Lally



Class News P4/5 Mrs. Hair



Class News P4/5 Mrs. Hair



Class News P5-6 Mrs. Forte



Our class were treated to a library of brand new books this year! We are delighted and **can't wait to read some books written by our favourite authors.**



Class News P5-6 Mrs. Forte



Class News P5-6 Mrs. McGrath



Mental Maths



Place Value

Class News P4 Mr. Erskine

In P4 we were telling the time and reading some new books in our library. We had a great time!



Class News P4 Mr. Erskine

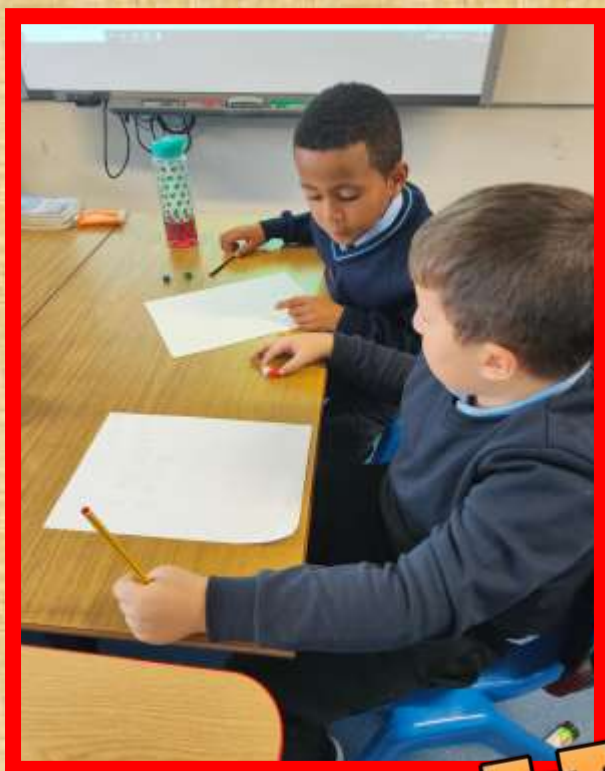
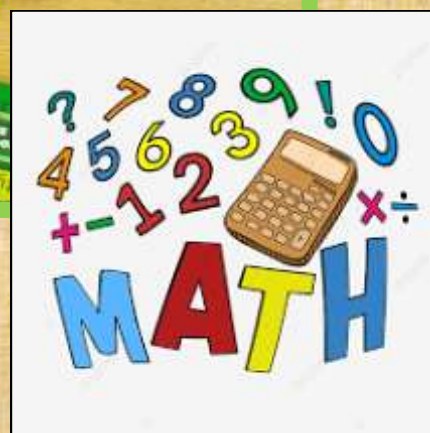
In P4 we were playing ice breaker games with our new classmates in the sun.



Class News P5-6 Mrs. McGrath



Math Games



Team Work



Class News P6-7 Mrs. Walsh



We had lots of fun during our first session of Jujitsu with Joe and Joseph.



Class News P6-7 Mrs. Walsh



Class News P7 Mrs. McFarland



Class News P7 Mrs. McFarland



**JOE JUJITSU HAS
RETURNED**



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